length, breadth and weight was presented, the penalty being laid on the clothier , but now slight and bad devices put in use by weavers prevent the good intended by that statute These weavers escape because no provision was made in the statute for their punishment

THE CHARGES OF THE BORDEAUX FLEET

A charge of 35 on the tun of all wines and other merchandise is to be levied on all wines and other merchandise arriving from the ports of Rochelle and Bordeaux at any port in England to cover the cost of waftage for the fleet These charges fell formerly on the merchants of London, but as the ships of other ports take advantage of the convoy they shall be borne by all

\tb *December* A PETITION OF THE PURITAN PRISONERS

Thomas Cartwnght and eight other Puritan prisoners have petitioned the Lord Treasurer praying that they may be allowed bail until the Council is pleased to call them for further trial of their innocency His lordship, say they, will easily discern that over a year's imprisonment strikes deep into their healths It is well known that divers papists, who not only deny the Queen's lawful authority but give it to a stranger, a sworn enemy of theirs and all other Christians, yet receive favour of freedom from their imprisonment Never a one of them but has been sworn to the Queen's supremacy and is ready to take the oath again

ORDERS FOR REFORMING THE ARMY IN NORMANDY*

Orders are sent by the Council for the better ordering and reforming of the army in Normandy under the Earl of Essex He shall cause all captains of the foot bands to deliver on oath perfect rolls of all their officers and soldiers showing those now serviceable and any others remaining there sick

and unable to serve , and in another roll the names of all that first came over with them but are not now present, making a distinction of those sent away by passport, those dead, and those that have run away , further they shall deliver in the roll a certain note of all the armour and weapons of those no longer in service, and where it is

Having received these rolls the Lieutenant General shall consider how many bands of 150 (allowing **15** dead pays) or